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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 8, 2009, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, claims 1-9, 12-14 and 17-20, corresponding to Species 1, Subspecies A, for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 7-8 (Species 1), and claims 10-11 (Species 2). The Examiner also required restriction between claims 13-14 and 17-19 (Subspecies A) and claims 15-16 (Subspecies B). Claims 1-6, 9, 12, and 20 were have been indicated by the Examiner to be generic.

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Respectfully submitted,

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